WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Condition of Art Museums

3246. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that art museums run by Government present a pathetic picture as reported in the print media;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/to be taken by Government to improve the condition of the art museums?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The improvement of the conditions of museums is a continuous & ongoing process. The Government of India takes all possible measures in this direction from time to time.

Preservation of Sites in Maharashtra

†3247. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of religious places, tourist site and temples being preserved by the Archaeological Survey of India in Maharashtra;

(b) whether his Ministry proposes any scheme pertaining to preservation, providing facilities and development of these sites; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the annual expenditure proposed to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) There are 286 monuments of national importance in Maharashtra that have been protected by Archaeological Survey of India as per details given in Annexure. (*See appendix 204, Annexure No. 26*)

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.